Each request for donation is examined on merit and availability of funds.

During the last three years, i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, donations totalling Rs. 567.35 lakhs were given. 57 organisations were granted donation by the SAIL Board in the aforesaid period.

**Technology Import for Increase in Productivity**

3159. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Technology of injecting coaltar into the blast furnace developed by T.I.S.C.O.;

(b^ if so, improvement in productivity of the blast furnace brought about by adding this technology;

(c) whether Government has any plans to make use of this technology in public sector steel plants;

(a) the comparative operative statistics of public sector plants and T.I.S.C.O.; and

(b) whether these statistics are adverse in case of public sector plants, if so, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) TISCO has reported that Coaltar injection results in marginal increase of blast furnace productivity.

(a) Adoption of this technology by the Public Sector Units would depend on techno-economic considerations.

(b) The comparative operational statistics of public sector steel plants namely SAIL and RINL vis-a-vis TISCO for the year 1995-96 are given below:—

(c) The operational statistics of the public sector plants vis-a-vis TISCO present a mixed picture as may be seen in the table given above. Variation is on account of several factors such as technology level, raw-material quality etc.

| Parameters | SAIL Plants (excluding IISCO) | IISCO | RINL | TISCO |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blast Furnance Productivity (T/Cub. M of Working Volume/Day) | 0.84-1.31 | 0.91 | 1.58 | 1.47 |
| Coke Rate (KG/THM) | 608-749 | 900 | 533 | 550+63* |
| Energy Consumption (Giga Cal/TCS) | 7.73-10.72 | 12.80 | 8.13 | 8.67 |
| Labour Productivity (TCS/Man/Year) | 52-123 | 30 | 174 | 107 |

*Refers to coal injection in Blast Furnace.

**Export of kids to Gulf Countries for Flesh Trade**

3160. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the flourishing flesh trade in Berhampur in Murshidabad where kids are openly put on sale in 'Bhikari Bazar' for exporting them to gulf countries;

(d) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into racket involved in the unsocial lucrative industry;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.